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PECK MAN SENTENCED ON TAX EVASION CHARGES

WICHITA , Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Ivan G. Carney**, 54, Peck, was sentenced to 21 months in federal prison and a \$50,000 fine for tax fraud.

Carney was sentenced Jan. 10, 2005 by U.S. District Judge Monti L. Belot. Carney was found guilty Sept. 30 following a three-day jury trial on two counts of tax evasion.

According to trial testimony, Carney, a self-employed chiropractor, willfully failed to file a tax return and concealed \$48,347.73 in income during 1997 in an effort to avoid paying federal income taxes of \$11,884.07. Testimony also showed that in 1998 Carney willfully failed to file a tax return and concealed \$146,489 in income in an effort to avoid paying \$59,277.23 in federal income taxes.

“The prosecution of individuals who seek to profit by fraudulently filing income tax returns with the IRS to evade tax is key to promoting fairness and equity in our tax system,” said Michael Yasofsky, Jr., Special Agent in Charge of IRS Criminal Investigation. “It provides a deterrent effect to potential violators of tax laws, and sends a message to the honest, taxpaying citizens that IRS is focused on combating tax fraud.”

Melgren commended the work of the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation which investigated the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Metzger, who prosecuted the case.